

3 People...

**Wednesday Night Bible Study, May 12, 2010**  
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**3 People We Need For Revival**

**Text: Luke 15**

**i. There is nothing more Apostolic than **revival****

**A. It brings life and excitement to the church**

1. It is who we are
  - a. When we cease to be revivalist, we cease to be Apostolic
2. Since we know we want it, how do we get it?
3. There are 3 people we need for revival.

**ii. Luke 15: Jesus in His teaching ministry:**

**A. 3 groups of people present:**

1. **Scribes and Pharisees:** the self-righteous teachers of the law
2. **Sinners:** those in the community commonly known as bad people
3. **Publicans:** Roman tax collectors, often **mentioned with sinners**
  - A. Mentioned about 16 times each in the NT, half together

**B. Jesus dealt with **each of the 3 groups present** with a parable:**

>They represent 3 people we need for revival

1. **Scribes and Pharisees:** with a parable about the **Lukewarm saint**
2. **Sinners:** with a parable about the **Sinner**
3. **Publicans:** with a parable about the **Backslider**

**iii. The Lost Chapter**

**A. The Lost Sheep**

1. Man that had 100 sheep: **lost one**
2. Made the decision to leave the 99 to search for the 1: **till he finds it**
3. When he finds it: puts it on his shoulders **rejoicing**
4. When he gets it home he calls friends, neighbors:
  - a. **Rejoice with me, I found my sheep**

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## **B. The Lost Coin**

1. Woman had 10 coins: **lost one**
2. Though it is night: lights a candle, sweeps the house, seeks diligently
  - a. Until she finds it
3. When she finds it she calls her friends, neighbors: **Rejoice w\ me!!**

## **C. The Lost Son**

1. A certain man had 2 sons: **younger asked for what was his and left his father**
2. He went into a far country and wasted his money on **riotous living**
3. When he had spent everything: **there was a famine and he became to be in want**
4. Went to work for someone feeding pigs: unclean animal
5. Lowered himself to eating the husks of the pigs
6. **He came to himself:** Hired servants at my fathers have bread to spare and I'm hungry
7. He said "I will arise and go to my fathers and tell him I am sorry" **let me be a servant**
8. When he was a long way off: **His father saw him and loved him**
9. **Robe, Ring, Shoes, Fatted Calf:** My son was dead/alive, lost/found

## **D. These parables are types of 3 people MISSING in the church**

1. They are a part of every church
2. Very common for these to be paralleled to God
  - >Looking for us as the lost sheep, coin, and son
3. These people were explained as the sinner:
4. Someone apart from God, one who misses the mark
  - a. These stories explain the **different types of people who are apart from God**

## **>3 People We Need for Revival**

### **I. The Lost Sheep:**

#### **A. We have to find the lukewarm saint**

1. **Jesus asks a personal question:** What man of you?

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2. **#1 The decision for revival must be made individually**

3. A woman and a certain man....not personal

4. It was personal: we have the **lukewarm saint** with us

5. Even though they are with us, they are still lost

>this hits home bc it is REALITY

**B. Read: Rev 3.15-17. The Lukewarm saint**

1. The lukewarm saint is **like the lost sheep**:

2. The only way a sheep gets lost is by wandering away

3. Once right around the shepherd, now have slipped away

4. Used to recognize **his voice**

5. Used to submit to his staff

6. There is **no danger OR need** close to the shepherd

7. Slowly slipped to the fringe and slipped out: **not premeditated**

8. **Not cold or hot: Lukewarm**

9. **#2 Sheep never take trips, they wander**

>then they realize they are lost

**C. The nature of a sheep**

1. The sheep had **no intention** being where it is at: **happened over time**

2. **Tried to tune** out the shepherd's voice of truth

3. **Grew to ignore** his staff of correction

4. **#3 They always end up further than they planned**

**D. People say:**

1. It's the only one that left

2. It was a wanderer any way, stubborn

3. Never listened to the shepherd

4. **Just let it go**

1. A lost sheep has as much potential as any of them, they've grown weak and misguided

2. **Missing:** the lukewarm saint

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➤ **We must reach the lukewarm saint!**

**3. The church is responsible to find them at whatever the cost!**

## **II. The Lost Coin:**

### **A. We have to find the sinner**

1. This woman had lost the coin: **The coin had nothing to do with it**
2. Neglect and carelessness had cause the misplacement of the coin
3. A coin has no ability to find its owner

**4. It's will stay lost until someone finds it**

5. A coin is

1. Cold, no emotion
2. No conscience
3. Not cognizant of where they are
4. Has no idea who it belongs to

**6. Reality: The coin has NO HOPE unless the owner gets to it**

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| 1. Lit a candle                    | <b>Preaching of God's Word</b> |
| 2. Swept the house                 | <b>Repentance</b>              |
| 3. Seek diligently until she finds | <b>Evangelism</b>              |

**>we must have a burden to reach lost souls at any cost!**

- we must seek **diligently** for the sinner

7. There are people you see every day **who are lost coins**

**8. People say:** why don't they just see our church and come?

>these people are **lost and don't know it**

➤ **We must reach the sinner!**

## **III. The Lost Son:** We have to find the backslider

1. Different from the Coin and Sheep: **Son is Intelligent and Decisive**
2. **Made his own decision to leave**
3. They must decide for themselves to come back
4. **It was the father's job to ACCEPT them** when they got back

➤ welcome him with open arms

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5. **We cannot judge them:** only accept them

a. **People say:**

1. Let them go, they're the ones who left
2. There was still one faithful son, **Paying his part and being faithful**
3. Never left the father's house

> **The church is responsible to find them at any the cost!**

IV. Common thread in these stories:

A. They would not settle with **anything less than potential**

1. This is a call and a challenge to this church: **We have to reach these 3 people!**
2. **We must press on**
3. God has not brought us to this point to **maintain**
4. We must fulfill our calling

C. **Conventional Wisdom**

1. Cut your losses and go with what you got
2. It could be worse....just forget about it and move on....**God can use leftovers!**

D. **We cannot be content with where we are at....**

1. We cannot just "take our ease":  
>**Amos:** Woe to them that are at ease in Israel
2. We **must be willing to go** into the highways\byways and compel them to come
3. **Great commission:** Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that...

V. Charlie Peace

1. Criminal who got caught...taken to Jail in England: **sentenced to death**
2. On the day of his execution the prison chaplain sleepily read some Bible verses,

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3. Charlie was touched and asked the preacher what he was reading....

➤ **“The Consolations of Religion”**

4. The convict was shocked at the way he routinely read about Hell.

5. How could a man be so callused that even as a man right next to him was moments from execution and on his way to this place.....

6. He could casually read of a hell that burns with eternal fire, and a pit with no bottom

7. How could this preacher believe that there was really a place called Hell and not shake in fear knowing this man was at its doorstep?

**This was Mr. Peace’s response:**

8. Sir, if I believed what you and the church “say” you believe, even if this country were covered broken glass from coast to coast,....

9. I would crawl over it on my hands and knees just to save one soul from an eternal hell like that!

**We have to reach 3 people:1. The lukewarm saint, The sinner, The backslider**

**E. True Joy** only came after fulfilling full potential, not with a “99’s enough” mentality

3. This thinking leads to a life of mediocrity and regret

-This is a message to the church: We must understand our calling as a church

No contentment without God’s plan:

1. How could that father enjoy a meal when he thought his son might be hungry

2. How could he rest on a comfortable bed knowing his son has no place to sleep

3. How could he relax in the security of his house, fearing his son might not have any